

S. B. No. 297

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

requiring a physician to test a newborn baby for hearing defects and to make a full report to the State Department of Health; exempting a physician from civil and criminal liability for reporting a hearing defect when none existed; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. A physician shall test a newborn baby for hearing defects. If he detects a hearing defect, he shall make a full report to the State Department of Health on a form prescribed and furnished by the department.

Sec. 2. A physician is immune from civil and criminal liability for reporting to the State Department of Health a hearing defect when none in fact existed.

Sec. 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

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Filed with the Secretary of the Senate

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Read, referred to Committee on Public Health

Reported favorably.

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

Ordered not printed.

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by

{ unanimous consent.
_____ yeas, _____ nays.

To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

Read second time and { ordered engrossed.
passed to third reading.

Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

Read third time and passed by { a viva-voce vote.
_____ yeas, _____ nays.

OTHER ACTION:

Secretary of the Senate

Engrossed

Sent to HOUSE

ENCLOSURE AT END